

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: <b>Best et al.</b>	§	Group Art Unit: <b>2163</b>
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Serial No.: <b>10/697,899</b>	§	Examiner: <b>Ho, Binh Van</b>
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Filed: <b>October 30, 2003</b>	§	Confirmation No.: <b>9243</b>
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For: <b>Method And Apparatus For Increasing Efficiency of Data Storage In a File System</b>	§	Attorney Docket No.: <b>AUS920030792US1</b>

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

No fees are believed to be required. If, however, any fees are required, I authorize the Commissioner to charge these fees which may be required to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0447. No extension of time is believed to be necessary. If, however, an extension of time is required, the extension is requested, and I authorize the Commissioner to charge any fees for this extension to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0447.

In response to the Office Action of December 27, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.